

## Global Conference on Cities and Migrants

“From Habitat III to the Global Compact on Migration: a role for local authorities”  
Mechelen, Belgium, 16-17 November

### Programme (as of 14 July)

#### First Day – Thursday 16 November

09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Hosts’ welcoming remarks</b></p> <p>Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development Cooperation, Digital Agenda, Telecommunications and Postal Services of the Belgian Federal Government</p> <p>Bart Sommers, Mayor of Mechelen</p> <p><b>Keynote remarks by institutional partners</b></p> <p>William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General</p> <p>Joan Clos, UN-Habitat Executive Director</p> <p>Parks Tau, UCLG President</p>			<b>DRAFTING COMMITTEE</b>
10:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Guided discussion: Implementation of migration-related commitments of the New Urban Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by UN-Habitat and UCLG</b></p> <p>Taking stock and key lessons learned</p> <p>Key gaps the GCM could address</p>			
13:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Lunch and side events</b></p> <p>Side events provide a platform to showcase or present innovations or best practices. A side event is held by application only and would include book launches, receptions, a short representation, signing of an agreement, etc.</p> <p>Regional approaches are strongly encouraged.</p>			
15:00 – 16:30	<p><b>Migration and sustainable urban development</b></p> <p>Mod. by Mayor and practitioner</p>	<p><b>Migrant smuggling and human trafficking, addressing irregular migration</b></p> <p>Mod. by Mayor and practitioner</p>	<p><b>Social integration</b></p> <p>Mod. by Mayor and practitioner</p>	
16:30 – 17:30	<p><b>Summary plenary</b></p> <p><b>Moderated by institutional partner (UN-Habitat)</b></p>			

**Second Day – Friday 17 November**

09:00 – 10:30	<b>Guided discussion: What are the key elements that can inform the Global Compact on Migration?</b> <b>Moderated by IOM and UCLG</b>			<b>DRAFTING COMMITTEE</b>
10:30 – 12:00	<b>Human rights of migrants</b> Mod. by UCLG and practitioner	<b>Drivers of migration</b> Mod. by UN-Habitat and practitioner	<b>International cooperation and global governance</b> Moderated by the IOM and practitioner	
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Summary plenary</b> <b>Moderated by institutional partner (IOM)</b>			
13:00 – 15:00	<b>Lunch and side events</b> Side events provide a platform to showcase or present innovations or best practices. A side event is held by application only and would include book launches, receptions, a short representation, signing of an agreement, etc. Regional approaches are strongly encouraged.			
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Closing plenary</b> <b>Presentation of the Declaration of the Conference</b> Bart Sommers, Mayor of Mechelen <b>Best practices on cooperation for migration governance and local and national levels</b> William Lacy Swing, IOM Director General <b>Inputs to the follow up and implementation of the New Urban Agenda</b> Joan Clos, UN-Habitat Executive Director			
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Closing remarks</b> Parks Tau, UCLG President Representative of the Federal Government of Belgium			